Welcome back for the commencement of the 2013 school year. Whilst many of us have been busy working at the school during the holidays, the school never feels the same without students in it. Therefore it was with considerable delight that we welcomed the students back, along with a new Year 8 cohort. Now that the school year is well and truly underway, it is timely to remind everyone that this school is focussed on “Quality Learning in a Caring Environment”. This means that our focus is on ensuring that not only is learning, teaching, assessment and curriculum occurring, but also that it is of the highest standard. Additionally, this learning has to occur within an environment where students are cared for and cared about.

All students should have received the course outlines for each of their subjects by now. These course outlines provide information about what is being studied in each subject as well as what the assessment item is and roughly when this is due. Again, like last year, we are endeavouring to ensure that students are receiving their assignments towards the commencement of the unit of work and that this is accompanied by an exemplar response to the assessment item. This exemplar response to the assessment should be of the highest standard “A”. This is then used by teachers and students to focus on the content required and the standards that are being required of students by teachers when it comes time to mark each child’s assignment. During the course of the unit, the assessment remains at the centre of instruction for teachers and the ‘exemplar A’ forms the understanding and the aspirational goal for all students when they construct their own assignments. Sample questions and responses are used in exams. The purpose of this is to optimise clarity in every child’s mind as to what is expected of them for each assessment piece and that they have almost the entire unit of work to focus on the assessment item.

There has been a little confusion about the Student Resource Scheme which replaces the old scheme called Resource, Book and Materials Charge. Parents simply need to decide whether they wish to participate in the scheme and if so return the signed form. We will then generate invoices and mail these out shortly. We needed to get the permission forms returned and finalise all the subjects that students are studying before mailing the invoices. It is very important however that parents read carefully both sides of the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement. For almost all parents there will be no difference in how subject charges are calculated and the amounts that they are invoiced for. As in the past almost all families will undoubtedly participate in the Scheme.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the outstanding performance of last year’s Year 12 cohort. Their OP data was exceptional! Congratulations to all of the students who achieved an OP1 or the OP for which they were striving. Importantly though, it is the performance of the group in which over 1 in every 4 students received an OP of 5 or better and that 84% received an OP of 1 to 15. This is an outstanding result and we are all very proud of them.

I look forward with optimism to the year that lies ahead.

Keep shining!

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS) – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)
What is the Student Resource Scheme (SRS)?
The Student Resources Scheme replaces the Resource, Book and Materials Charge. The purpose of the scheme is to provide a full range of texts, resources, consumables and other materials that are over and above what is covered by government grants.

How do I participate in the Scheme?
Complete the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement by:

- Ticking Yes, I wish to participate…..
- Sign and return the form to school.

Why did the SRS Participation Agreement form come out before the invoice?
Every student’s subjects had to be finalised before invoices can be raised and the SRS Participation Agreement Form had to be submitted first.
Do I have to pay any money now?
No. Invoices will be mailed to parents later this term. Payment of your account will not be required until you receive a statement showing the balance.

Why was the form so confusing?
This is a mandatory form that was provided to us by the Education Department and we were instructed that we were unable to adapt it. Ignore the column requesting you to insert the amount. Parents do not know this amount, as it varies depending upon the subjects studied.

What is the Government Textbook and Resource Allowance?
This is the amount the State government provides to the school for the education of each child enrolled in the school on Day 8. For 2013 this amount is:
- Year 8 to 10: $112
- Year 11 and 12: $245

What if we don't participate in the Scheme?
The Government Textbook Allowance will be issued by electronic funds transfer to a nominated bank account. Parents will be provided with a comprehensive list of all additional resources that they will need to obtain themselves. Please refer to sections 11 and 12 on the reverse side of the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement for further information.

RECEIVING THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
The School Newsletter will only be sent home via students to parents who request this to happen. In order to do this, a tear-off slip is at the back of this Newsletter. It must be completed and returned to Ms Edmonds in the Upper Office by 14 February. It is anticipated that most parents will register to receive the Newsletter online. When it is available, an email with a link will be sent to you. To receive the Newsletter by email, please visit our school website www.mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au and under the Newsletter section, complete your name and email address. In addition to this, every second Tuesday, our Newsletter is on our website for viewing at any time.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
In an effort to make our school website as useful as possible to our school community, please inform our website coordinator Mrs Kylie Docherty if you have any suggestions about other information that you would like to see included. Her email address is: kdoch8@eq.edu.au.

YEAR LEVELS
As there are four Deputy Principals in the school, each of them has a responsibility for specific year levels, particularly with respect to behaviour management and general school issues. Should parents wish to contact a member of the Administration, it would be appreciated if they would contact:

* Years 8 & 11: Ms Peterson  * Year 10: Mrs Anghel
* Year 9: Ms Hamilton  * Year 12: Ms Clarke.

Students have also been instructed to follow this procedure.

STUDENT LEADERS 2013
Pictured are our 2013 student leaders: Captains Sam Cree and Rosanna Sains and Vice Captains Caitlin Thomas and Mitchell Atkinson. As the leaders of the Prefect group, the Captains and Vice-Captains have already been hard at work helping the new members of our community settle in. Sam, Rosie, Caitlin and Mitch are the leaders of the student body and will also head the Student Council which consists of two elected student representatives from each form class.

2012 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to four of our hardworking 2012 Year 12 students who achieved OP1 results. Nicole Chun Tie, Corneels de Waard, Annalise Hudson and Caitlin Micallef (all pictured below) are celebrating the results of their hard work and are looking forward to the new challenges that 2013 will bring. Last year 25% of OP eligible students achieved an OP between 1 and 5 and 84% of OP eligible students achieved an OP between 1 and 15. We would like to congratulate all of the 2012 seniors on a fabulous result and wish them the very best in their future endeavours.

Nicole Chun Tie  Corneels de Waard  Annalise Hudson  Caitlin Micallef
STUDENT HANDBOOK
All students have been issued with a Student Handbook, to be used particularly for recording homework. The Handbook is to be kept totally free of graffiti, pictures, etc and, very importantly, used appropriately. Parents/guardians are asked to peruse and sign their student’s Handbook each weekend. Parents are asked to read particular sections of the Handbook (especially Pages 2 to 5). Specific homework entries are required for every subject conducted that day. Any student who incorrectly uses the Handbook or who loses it, is to buy a new one immediately from the Lower Office.

YEAR 11 PARENT EVENING
Wednesday 6 February 7 – 9pm
By the time you receive this Newsletter, this evening would have been conducted to allow parents the opportunity to learn more about your student’s subjects and to meet your student’s teachers. Any feedback about the evening would be appreciated.

YEAR 8 PARENT EVENING AND STUDENT BUSH DANCE
Wednesday 13 February 7pm for 7.15 pm (starts at 6.30pm for TIC and French Immersion students)
All Year 8 parents and students are encouraged to attend this event. Students will have a great time at the bush dance, which is conducted by our Physical Education Department. The Information Evening for parents involves parents staying in a room and members of the Administration and all Department Heads moving from room to room to talk with you. You will learn extremely useful and interesting matters pertaining to you, your student/s and the school. At the end of the evening you will return to the Hall to see your students dancing the night away. Please come early enough to find a parking spot. It is always difficult. (NOTE: The evening for students in 8E, 8F and 8I, and their parents, will begin at 6.30pm in order to cover the TIC or French Immersion matters.)

PARENTS DROPPING OFF / COLLECTING STUDENTS
Due to the heavy flow of traffic in Ham Road and Broadwater Road and the buses at the school, the rules are that students cross the roads at the lights or on the primary school crossing. Parents are also reminded that when dropping off/collecting students, they are not to enter or park in the school grounds. Parents are asked to support these policies. Please arrange to collect your students at a designated spot some one hundred metres from the school grounds. This will aid the safety of all. 
(NOTE: Straight outside of the Administration building is a NO STANDING zone. Please note the YELLOW line. In addition to placing other members of our community in danger, if you stop there to drop off or collect students, you could also be fined. Please keep our community safe.)

Broadwater Road Uniting Church Car Park: The staff members at Broadwater Road Uniting Church have requested that parents and students DO NOT park in the Church car park during the day as it interferes with the daily business of the Church. Regular staff members have been unable to access their allocated car parks as others have taken them, ignoring the reserved signs.

MESSAGES
Parents/guardians are asked only to phone the school with a message for a student in an emergency situation, otherwise the efficient running of this school, of some 1750 students, and staff, becomes an impossibility. Matters such as where to collect students need to be discussed at home prior to students leaving for school in the morning. Messages for students from parents/ guardians ONLY can be passed on.

LABELLING CLOTHING / RESOURCES
Are all of your student’s clothes and possessions labelled? If items ever get misplaced, students need to continually check lost property at the Upper Office. Items are disposed of after three weeks if no owner can be found.

NOTES FOR ABSENCES
Some parents phone our school to inform us about a student’s absence. However for record keeping purposes, it is required that parents/guardians provide a note explaining the reason for the student's absence. It is to include: the name of the student; the form class; the date the note is written; the date(s) of the absence; and a parent/guardian’s signature. Tear out notes are available at the back of the Student Handbook. If a student is likely to be absent for several days, the parent is asked to contact the school. Please see the Student Handbook Page 15 Point 3.4 for more details.

HATS / CAPS 2013
All students new to our school and all students in Years 8, 9 and 10 must wear the broad brimmed hat. When on the oval or court playing a sport, they may wear the new sports cap. Other students may wear the hat or the cap. However the hat is the preferred option. The old cap is being phased out. This head attire must be worn whenever the student is not in a classroom or the hall. This includes on the way to or from school, wherever students are.

OPEN DAY
Our first Open Day for this year is on Tuesday 12 March from 9-12 noon. Visitors need to be present for both the talk and the tour. It is advisable that students not living in our catchment area attend this Open Day. The 2013 catchment area map is on our website. It is preferred that all Mansfield Primary School students attend the second Open Day on Friday 19 April. More information will be in Newsletters to come. In the near future the 2014 Prospectus will be available on our school’s website.
SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2013
The School Magazine is a compilation of school events, student achievements and extra-curricular activities. It exists to showcase and provide many years of memories of the students' time at school often referred to as the best years of their lives.

Each year, the magazine committee members expand on and hone their skills further by producing a better magazine. At present, students are working on the layout of the 2013 edition. To maintain the standard of the magazine, we are pleased to announce that the magazine will be once again 110 pages in full colour. Further pages may be added if funds are sufficient. In order to make this possible, we require the full support from every family. In order to reach our target, we will ask students to order their Magazines ahead of time. An order form will be available later in the year. It should cost up to $15.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to producing an outstanding publication in 2013 – one of which the Mansfield State High community can be proud.

2012 ICAS MEDAL WINNERS
Congratulations to 2013 School Captain Sam Cree and Year 10 student Peter Truong who achieved excellent results in the 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

In 2012, Sam achieved the top result in Maths in Queensland for Year 11 and Peter achieved the best result in Year 9 for Computer Skills. Last December, Sam and Peter attended the 2012 ICAS Medal Presentation Ceremony where they were awarded their medals. This was a prestigious event held at the Convention Centre and a fitting conclusion to Sam’s and Peter’s achievements.

ICAS is a leading international educational assessment organisation specialising in large-scale assessment programmes in Australia and countries in Asia, Africa, the Pacific region and the USA with over two million student entries each year. This year our students will participate in the ICAS Computer Skills, Science, Writing, English and Mathematics competitions. We applaud Sam’s and Peter’s achievements in 2012 and look forward to our students this year continuing to excel. Well done Sam and Peter!

DEBATING NEWS
Debating is another outstanding extra-curricular activity that is offered at Mansfield High School. It fosters skills beyond the ability to speak in public. It teaches the student to take an objective view of current issues, to be aware of alternative points of view, to think on their feet, to work as a team and to develop leadership qualities. The positive benefits of debating for young people are recognised by the State Government which annually provides funding support to the Queensland Debating Union. Our Principal and the school administrators have always strongly supported Mansfield’s participation in the QDU competition and last year one of our Year 9 teams won the Brisbane competition.

If your child is considering joining a debating team, it is important that they collect all relevant information from the Resource Centre in the first week of school. The information pack contains all the important dates that you will need to plan your diary and check that debating dates do not clash with other activities. The fees for all teams entered into the competition are paid for by our school and I would like to acknowledge and thank our school administration for their continuous support and generosity.

Mrs Larissa Solah – Debating Coordinator

GUIDANCE NEWS
Welcome to the first Guidance News for 2013. Our Guidance Officers are Mrs Karen Agnew (Mon-Thu) and Ms Kamal Mistry (Mon-Fri). Ms Lorraine Alcorn is on extended leave.

Mrs Agnew can be contacted on 3452 5316 and Ms Mistry can be contacted on 3452 5318. Students may make appointments by dropping into the Guidance Office at A Block, rooms 19/20 during break times. Parents are always welcome to contact a Guidance Officer on the above numbers.

The Guidance Officers offer consultation, assessment, intervention and a prevention focus to help students manage those issues impacting upon their academic performance and development. They are available to assist students with a range of academic and personal issues including subject choices, study skills, time management, post compulsory options and further study, including QTAC procedures, career decision making and counselling and other personal management issues. They team with administrators, teachers, parents and other helping professionals (both in and outside of the school) to ensure that every student learns in a safe, healthy and supportive academic environment.

Guidance News will aim to provide you with general information and notification of a range of events relevant to students. Guidance News will also aim to provide regular up-dates on opportunities for young people and other topics of special interest to students and parents as the academic year progresses.

Have You Considered Army Cadets? Join 161 ACU Aviation
It is an AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADET unit, which specialises in AVIATION. It parades approximately every second Sunday for students 12.5-18 years old. Cadets get a good introduction to aviation and a new item in 2013 is that they can also go for their ‘BRONZE WINGS’ in remote control aero-modelling, which is attained during their normal parade time, flying the RC aeroplanes, and practising flying on the simulator, under the direction of the Loganholme Aero-modelling Remote Control Society (LARCS). Students can find
their closest army cadet unit through http://www.cadetnet.gov.au. Sold on AVIATION and want to know more? Visit the 161 ACU Aviation web page: http://www.cadetnet.gov.au/aac/161acu/ or you can email the Commanding Officer: Captain (AAC) Barbara Rendic (RPEQ, CPEng, JP) at 161acu@cadetnet.gov.au. You may attend the recruitment day from 9am, this Sunday 10 February 2013 at the Barracks at Apollo Road, Bulimba.

LANGUAGES NEWS
France Exchange Meeting
An important meeting was held on Wednesday 6 February from 6-7pm in the Library Reading Room for all families involved in the France exchange. This meeting was to provide families with details about the group’s activities during their stay and update you on the trip in September. If a representative from your family was not able to attend, Ms Fryer (Coutel) or Mr Hackett was to be advised.

SPORT NEWS
INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts DOES NOT have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

Mansfield Sports Group (MSG)
Meetings and planning were initiated in late 2012 to create a Sports Body in our school. Consisting of Senior students in collaboration with Sport staff, the MSG will lead innovation in Mansfield Sport to take us forward in a very competitive school sport life. All students involved in Mansfield Sport become part of this program. We are as strong as you make us. Stay tuned regarding the next projects and plans we have in store.

HINT: We are looking into including appropriate role models and mentors from outside of our present school community.

Interschool Sport / MAP
Mansfield High is involved in both Summer and Winter Interschool Sport in the South District Competition. Fixtures are held each Wednesday in Period 4. Summer fixtures will begin on Wednesday 13 February. Interschool Sports offered include:

Boys: Touch, squash, volleyball, cricket, basketball and futsal.
Girls: Softball, touch, squash, volleyball and futsal.

Students selected in interschool teams must have the full interschool sports uniform, be able to train once a week, pay the interschool levy ($35 Home and Away OR $50 Central Venue), and hand in permission/medical forms by the due date. Students who do not do an interschool sport participate in the Mansfield Activity Programme (MAP) on Wednesday afternoons. Activities in MAP include academic/extension/support activities, sporting and cultural activities. It is important to discuss activity selection with your students, keeping in mind such issues as cost of the activity and your student’s particular interests and abilities. Many activities cost nothing.

MAP Selections Block 1
Students will be required to log onto http://www.select yoursport.com/man/login.php to select their MAP activity. Students who are selected in an interschool sport activity should also select their sport on the site. You are reminded that some activities have financial costs associated with them. MAP is an essential part of Mansfield High’s curriculum. Therefore ALL students must be involved in an activity on Wednesday afternoon. Please make every effort to arrange medical/ dental/ physio etc appointments at some other time.

School Gym
The school gym under K Block is open to all students from 7.45 - 8.20am every day. New students, who attend, complete an induction procedure and are assisted with a program to suit their ability/needs. Students wear their formal uniform to school and then get changed. They are to bring a towel.

Training Tuesday!!
First on the planning schedule is the creation of a “Training Tuesday” system. Where possible, team training will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30pm. While there will be some variations for certain teams, it is the plan of our ‘Mansfield Sports Group’ to create a culture that enhances the fun and opportunities for our Teal Sports-goers. It is desirable to have our Sports teams training together in an environment that enhances our enthusiasm and assists management. Marquees will be erected, water and gear will be available, in addition to some other fantastic innovations!
Futsal
The State Schools’ Indoor Soccer Championships are held in Term 1 in Brisbane. Mansfield will be once again represented by several teams. Training will commence shortly. Students are advised to consult the noticeboard in K Block for further information or to contact Mr Austen to express interest.

South District Trials
District Sport trials will be held on Monday 6 February and Tuesday 7 February for: Volleyball Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Tennis Boys and Girls Open; and Softball Open. Trials will be held on 13 and 14 February for: Touch Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Squash Boys and Girls Open; Baseball Open; and Hockey Open. Trials will be on 27 and 28 February for: Basketball Boys and Girls Open and U/15; Football Boys and Girls Open; Hockey Girls Open; Netball Open and U/15; Rugby League Open and U/15; AFL Boys U/15; Surfing Boys and Girls Open. See Mr Kalpakidis for details and forms.

House Allocation
House allocation for all students is as follows by family name:

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Our houses are named after people who showed great leadership, commitment, perseverance and aspiration in achieving their ideals (world peace). They provided wonderful role models for our students to emulate.

House Captains 2013
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as House Captains for 2013.

Hammarskjold Andrew Booth and Kathryn Dransfield YELLOW
Gandhi Tim Jell and Mary Holgate BLUE
Schweitzer Kyle Mellon and Tamara Lenz GREEN
U Thant Tuan Tran and Elizabeth Scott RED

Swimming Carnival
Our school’s annual Swimming Carnival will be held at Chandler Aquatic Complex on Monday 11 February. All students are required to attend, as it is a normal day. They are encouraged to swim, but all students are expected to support their fellow team members. A permission slip was sent home previously. Students wear their formal uniform. All students are encouraged to bring their swimming gear, as they have an opportunity to swim and gain extra points for their House at lunchtime. Let the competition begin!

Cross Country
Cross Country training will be held every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7.30am. Training will begin on Tuesday 19 February. Training sessions may consist of: laps of the purpose built two kilometre school course; trips up the famous King Hill; or interval sessions ranging from one minute efforts to one kilometre efforts. Students are to meet under K Block in full sports uniform. Permission letters are available from K Block staffroom. In order for students to compete in the school cross country (13 March), they must have attended training.

Special awards will be given out throughout the training period in recognition of the efforts of the athletes. See Mr Kalpakidis for more details.

Blood Donor – Become a Red Cross Ambassador
Mansfield High Year 11 and 12 students have created a tradition of annually donating blood to the Red Cross Van that visits our school. In 2013, the van will be here in Term 3 on Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 July. Students will be able to book times closer to the date; however we are looking for some students to nominate as Red Cross Ambassadors. See Mr Waugh in K-Block to discuss this.

V@M (VOLUNTEERS@MANSFIELD)
Last year we introduced V@M to our school. Essentially every student in our school community is encouraged to volunteer in whatever capacity possible to assist others particularly within the school environment. Students have been engaged in activities such as: assisting with staffroom tasks; setting up and packing away the computer trollies; helping in the Uniform Shop and Book Shop; sorting lost property; gardening; preparing the Newsletter mail-out; and the list goes on. Once students complete 2000 minutes of voluntary activities, they will be awarded a V@M badge. All students who perform voluntary activities and have them recorded are eligible for consideration for Service Awards on Presentation Evening. Thank you so much to all of those students who have contributed to date. Your contribution has been so much appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Welcome to our Year 8s
This year we have welcomed 357 Year 8 students into the Mansfield fold. Despite the ‘weather event’ and the humidity it left in its wake, our new students still enjoyed the traditional ‘sausage sizzle’ under K Block. A special thank you must go to the Captains and the TIP leaders who worked so hard to make the day a success for our newest students and to Mr Fites for his help with the preparations. We look forward to meeting all of our new families and encourage everyone to get involved in the life of the school. Please enjoy the Year 8 First Day collage at the end of this newsletter.
Canteen News
Rosalie Buzzoni and assistant Debbie O'Neill operate an extremely efficient, friendly and healthy Canteen. Healthy, fresh food options are prepared daily to ensure our students have high quality choices at a very reasonable price. Parent and volunteer helpers are essential in this process. Your assistance one day a month (or even occasionally) would be greatly appreciated. As the Canteen is self-service, student contact is minimal and by choice alone. You will also have the opportunity to make new friends, be a part of daily school life and even meet the staff. The Canteen is an excellent place to commence your involvement in our School and we encourage you to get involved.

To volunteer your time simply complete the tear-off Canteen Roster slip at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the Upper Office asap. Your help will make all the difference. Thank you!

P & C Membership 2013
All parents, guardians and friends of our school are cordially invited to become members of our Parents and Citizens’ Association. Our active P&C works closely with the school to achieve common goals and to build a stronger school community where all students benefit. We need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for their children and school. P&C meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Administration Block Common Room. Membership does not mean you have to attend meetings; however it does entitle you to vote on matters pertaining to our school. At the end of this Newsletter is a P & C Membership tear-off slip which you are invited to complete and return to the UPPER OFFICE.

Please note that membership must be renewed on an annual basis. All memberships received before the date of the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 28 February will be automatically accepted at that meeting.

P & C Annual General Meeting
Thursday 28 February, 7.30pm Common Room
Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the P&C. Memberships must be renewed every year as per the P&C Constitution and all new memberships and renewals received prior to the AGM will automatically be accepted. The first meeting of the P&C for this year will immediately follow the AGM.

Introduction to High School Maths – Year 8 Parents
Wednesday 6 March 2013, 1–3pm or 7-9pm F Block
The Introduction to High School Maths sessions give parents of Year 8 students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Year 8 Mathematics curriculum and how it is being taught in 2013. The main aim is to help parents understand the assessment process, to look at the new text book and how it is being used and to teach parents some Year 8 maths so that they feel competent and confident when they are helping their students. Mr Broome, Head of Department - Mathematics, will lead one session in the afternoon (1-3pm) and one in the evening (7-9pm). All Year 8 parents are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Parents may attend together or separately. To ensure that we prepare sufficient materials for each session, we ask that you pre-book your preferred session by completing the Introduction to High School Maths tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter and returning it to the UPPER OFFICE no later than Monday 4 March. You then simply write the date and time in your calendar and arrive for your chosen session.

Reading Group
If you enjoy reading, this group is for you. We have a group of staff, students and parents under the direction of Mrs Diane Nibbs, Teacher/Librarian, who read and evaluate new fiction material for class and student use. The group meets once per term to share and discuss the books they have read. The first meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 21 February at 3.15pm in the Resource Centre. Subsequent meetings will be on the second Thursday of each term. Students wishing to participate in this group should give their names to Mrs Nibbs in the Library. Parents and friends wishing to participate should call Mrs Sue Holley on 3452 5337.

Rauchle Service Club
The Rauchle Service Club was founded at the end of 2003 in memory of Ms Nell Rauchle, a Guidance Officer at our school for over ten years, who lost her battle with cancer. The Club is made up of students who wish to give their time, talents and enthusiasm to help others. Over the past seven years we have sponsored two guide dogs and a brood dog through Guide Dogs Queensland. The Rauchle Service Club also sponsors an overseas student - Lauren, our student in Arusha, Tanzania. We regularly support the Mater Children's Hospital, the Variety Club Christmas Party for special needs children and Can Teen Queensland. Four years ago we joined the Smith Family's Student2Student program giving our Year 9 and 10 students an opportunity to mentor and encourage primary age students through this valuable reading program. Every dollar raised by the Club goes to charities or causes outside of our school. In 2013 our donations totalled $6355. Membership is open to all students (Years 8-12) and it is a great way to meet new friends while making a difference in our community. The first fund raising event for 2013 will be Pancake Day on Tuesday 5 March.

Pancake Day, Tuesday 5 March Lunchtime at the Hall
This will be the Rauchle Service Club's first fund-raising event for 2013 and it is always very popular.

Prices - Pancake with syrup $2, pancake with syrup & ice cream $2.50, cold drinks $1.50, meal deal with the lot $3.50. Yum!

Environmental Council
For a number of years now, Mansfield students have been environmentally active, participating in Clean Up Australia Day, Arbor Day, Green and Healthy Schools, the Bulimba Creek Catchment revegetation project and by becoming a Reef Guardian School. Students throughout the school are encouraged to join the Environmental Council and go green. We even sponsor our very own Koala, Guppy, and we will be raising funds to support her over the next few months. New members are always welcome!
Mobile Muster
Did you receive a new mobile phone for Christmas? Not sure what to do with the old one? We can help! Just drop your old phone and accessories into the Mobile Muster collection box in the library. They are able to recycle 90% of the materials in mobile phones, batteries and chargers. This is such an easy way to help our environment. Thank you for your support!

Clean Up Australia Day
Friday 1 March - all day
Once again the students will be working to clean up our school environment. Don’t forget your hats and sunscreen. Get involved and make a difference.

Uniform Shop /Book Shop Thank You
The staff and volunteers from the Uniform and Book Shops would like to thank all families for their patience and understanding during the very busy back-to-school period. A very special thank you also goes to our wonderful students who assisted in the Uniform and Book Shops at the end of last year and at the beginning of this year. You did a marvellous job and we are extremely grateful for your assistance!

Winter Uniform Orders
If you require winter uniform items (including special orders), your order must be finalised by mid-February. All students, but in particular the Year 8s, will have the opportunity to try on winter items for size on Thursday 14 February and can place orders after that. All students require a school pullover ($60) and/or a blazer ($130). The school scarf ($15) is a warm option if your student feels the cold and is highly recommended. Tights ($7.50) are available for girls and trousers ($44-$47) for boys. Students will bring home an order form and will be required to pay for items when they return it to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday 19 February or Thursday 21 February. We would like to place the order as soon as possible just in case we get an early cold snap. Please note that uniform prices are subject to change. Our Uniform Shop Convenor is Mrs Anne Rattu and the opening hours are Tuesday and Thursday between 7.30 - 9.15am. Phone 3452 5357 – during opening hours only.

Mansfield High School Backpack
This is a compulsory part of our school uniform and must be used every day. All Mansfield High backpacks carry a three-year warranty against manufacturer’s faults only. This does not include any damage to the bags caused by a student’s abuse or misuse. Students please respect your property and don’t throw, sit on, or in any other way misuse your school bags, as the warranty on the bags does not cover everyday wear and tear. Some students open zips a minimal amount and then tear the bag open from that point. This will damage the zip.

The bag was selected for its quality and endorsement by the Australian Physiotherapy Association. It is essential however, that students wear it correctly. This will be demonstrated to students. If you would like further information, please view the Spartan website: www.spartanss.com.au . (NOTE: Students are particularly encouraged to bring only essential items to school. They should use their lockers during the day to remove superfluous items from their backpacks. Heavy items should be packed close to the student’s back. Parents might be able to assist to ensure that students do this.)

Mansfield Chaplaincy
Full-time Chaplain, Ben Cherry (our gentle giant) has an office next to A06 and the Canteen in A Block. Ben is a favourite with students and staff alike and his door is always open for students either to just drop in at lunch time or by appointment. Once again Ben will be operating some innovative and interesting events and groups throughout the year. Students are encouraged to join in, have fun and make lots of new friends. Our School is responsible for raising $30,000 each year to support Ben and the programme for three days per week and the Federal Government supports him for the other two days per week. Donations are always very welcome and are tax deductible. Donations can be left at the Upper Office in an envelope marked Mansfield Chaplaincy; simply add your details to the donation if you would like a receipt for tax purposes. We will be conducting a special Chaplaincy Drive in the second term, but all donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

Prayer Group
Monday 18 February 2pm Administration Block
There is a special band of parents and friends who meet with Chappy Ben on the first and third Monday of every month to pray for our students, staff and families. They would love to have a few more members join this group. If you would like to meet up with them, please call Chappy Ben Cherry on 3452 5361 or email bcher19@eq.edu.au.

Student Achievements
We love to hear all about the wonderful achievements of our students, whether they be sporting, musical, cultural, or service. We also like to share this news with our community and the wider public. If you have a story to tell us, please contact Mrs Holley on 3452 5337 or email sholl143@eq.edu.au. We just love to share the good news.
CANTEEN ROSTER

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Our OPEN DAYS for this year are from 9am – 12 noon (for the full time) on:

- **Tuesday 12 March**
  (mainly out of catchment students but not Mansfield Primary)
- **Friday 19 April**
  (mainly in catchment students and Mansfield Primary)
- **Tuesday 16 July**
  (anyone who chooses)

Simply come along! Enjoy a tour and a talk!

St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club Sign On Day
St Pauls Uniting Sporting Club invites all students interested in playing soccer in 2013 to access the St Pauls Soccer Club website [http://www.stpaulssoccer.org.au/](http://www.stpaulssoccer.org.au/). The sign-on was last Saturday.

Mansfield Eagles Soccer Club
This Club also needs players in all age groups for males and females. The sign-on was last Saturday. See www.mesc.org.au. Contact Kent Sidney for more information on 0414235323.

Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club is Looking for New Recruits
The Club is holding free ‘Come and Try’ sessions at Clem Jones Sports Centre, 401 Stanley Road, Carina for boys and girls aged between 4 and 16 years over two Sunday mornings: 17 & 24 February – 9-10am. A hockey stick and all necessary equipment are supplied, in addition to expert coaching and supervision in a safe, family friendly environment.

Official player sign on commences from 7 February with season starting after Easter. For further information contact: Todd Fuller on 33578613; Don Collins on 3237 5992 [www.eastshockey.org.au](http://www.eastshockey.org.au).

Mount Gravatt Junior Australian Football Club is holding its player sign-on event on Saturday 9 February and Sunday 10 February from 10am to 2pm each day at the Southern Cross Community Club on Kump Road, Upper Mount Gravatt. Children of all ages from five to 16 are welcome to join ‘the Vultures’ and begin their AFL footy career.

Mount Gravatt Juniors plans to field teams in all available age groups, including girls teams, as well as holding Auskick for younger players. For more information go to the club website at www.mtggravattjuniors aflq.com.au. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the club president Phil Davies on 0454 359 846.
**INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SCHOOL MATHS – YEAR 8 CURRICULUM**

**WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2013**

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.
Then simply write the date and time in your calendar and come at your chosen time.)

Parent’s Name: .........................................................................    Phone: ...........................................

Email address: .................................................................................................................................

Student’s Name............................................................................. Student’s Form Class: ............

Time Preferred: (Please indicate)    □ Wednesday 1 - 3pm    OR    □ Wednesday 7 - 9pm

Parent’s Signature: _________________________________________________

**MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION - 2013 REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)

I/We ___________________________ (Print Full Name/s)

wish to be included in the Register of Members of the Mansfield State High School Parents & Citizens’ Association.

Address _________________________________________________________________

________________________________________ ________________ Tel No ________________

Student’s Name __________________________ Form class __________________________

Parent’s/Parents’ Signature/s __________________________ Date ________________

**MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – CANTEEN ROSTER 2013**

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)

I / We would like to assist the Canteen by helping one day a month.

Name: .................................................................................................................................

Student’s Name and Form: ................................................................................................................

Phone No. and Address: ....................................................................................................................

Please circle preferred day below.

| 1st Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month | 2nd Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month |
| 3rd Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month | 4th Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month |

Please indicate other options: ........................................................................................................

**MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**

Please return this slip to MS EDMONDS in the Upper Office by Thursday 14 February 2013,

if you still wish to receive a hard copy of our Newsletter from our school on a fortnightly basis.

Most parents will choose to access our fortnightly Newsletter via our website

after having received an email from the school.

Student’s Name: .................................................................. Form Class: ..............

Parent/Guardian Signature: ..............................................................
Year 8 First Day
Senior Investiture
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